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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO AFRICA: SPEECH ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

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1. AM GRATEFUL FOR ADVANCE NOTICE OF KEY POINTS IN SECRETARY'S ADDRESS. HAVE RECONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR DE PREE THAT HE CONVEY THEM TO CHONA IF CONTACT CAN BE MADE IN MAPUTO, AND INFORM CHONA THAT I WILL BE AT AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN HOPING TO DISCUSS ADDRESS AND OTHER URGENT MATTERS CONCERNING SECRETARY'S VISIT.

2. THRUST OF ADDRESS APPEARS MOST RESPONSIVE TO CHONA'S (AND KAUNDA'S) CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY ON NAMIBIA ISSUE, WHERE SECRETARY'S POSITION CLOSELY PARALLELS GRZ DESIRES. KEY POINTS, OF COURSE, ARE POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN ON RHODESIA AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. CHONA WILL FULLY UNDERSTAND OUR RELUCTANCE GIVE ADVANCE DETAILS ON THESE NEW POLICY PROPOSALS, SINCE THIS PRACTICE IS FREQUENTLY FOLLOWED BY KAUNDA HIMSELF.

3. IN THAT PART OF ADDRESS DEALING WITH RHODESIA, THREE POINTS APPEAR SPECIALLY WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION. (A) IS THERE ANY REASON SECRETARY SHOULD NOT REFER TO "ZIMBABWE" INSTEAD OF "RHODESIA"? THIS WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY WELL RECEIVED LOCALLY, AND WOULD APPEAR TO BE GIVING LITTLE OR NOTHING AWAY. (B) IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PICK UP CHONA'S POINT THAT CONDITIONS FOR NON-RACIAL GOVERNMENT UNDER EVENTUAL MAJORITY RULE ARE FAST SLIPPING AWAY EACH DAY
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BOTH SIDES GO DEEPER INTO WAR. (C) ALTHOUGH ENDLESSLY REITERATED,

IT IMPORTANT REPEAT ONCE AGAIN ADMINISTRATION'S LEADERSHIP TO
REPEAL BYRD AMENDMENT WHICH WE ASSUME WILL BE INCLUDED UNDER
NEW INITIATIVES. U.S. IMPORTS OF CHROME FROM RHODESIA STILL
RANKLING TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND NEIGHBORING AFRICAN STATES.
MOREOVER, IT NOT CLEAR WE PRESSING OUR ALLIES LIKE JAPAN AND FRANCE,
TO MENTION BUT A FEW, TO TIGHTEN THEIR SANCTIONS ON RHODESIA.
ALSO, WHILE THERE MAY BE NO LEGAL GROUNDS FOR DELIVERING HARSH
BLOW TO RHODESIAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, ARE THERE
ANY ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRAINTS WHICH MIGHT BE PLACED ON THEIR
OPERATIONS TO INDICATE WE NOT GIVING FREE HAND TO WHITE MINORITY
REGIME TO PRESS ITS CASE WITH AMERICAN PUBLIC AT TIME ADMINISTRA-
TION IS SEEKING CONSENSUS OF AMERICAN OPINION IN SUPPORT OF CAUSE
OF MAJORITY RULE.
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